

**AMENDED CLAIMS**  
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**Claims**

1. Protective collar for protecting the head or face of very small children comprising a substantially flat annular part (10), which is open to one side (15), thereby forming two annular ends (17, 18), the collar comprising, in the area of said annular ends (17, 18), fastening means (25', 25'') by means of which the annular ends (17, 18) can be fixed one to the other thereby forming a collar in the shape of a truncated cone, characterized in that the annular part is formed from a flat cushion filled with a flat molded body.
2. Protective collar for protecting the head or face of very small children comprising a substantially flat annular part (10), which is open to one side (15), thereby forming two annular ends (17, 18), the collar comprising, in the area of said annular ends (17, 18), fastening means (25', 25'') by means of which the annular ends (17, 18) can be fixed one to the other thereby forming a collar in the shape of a truncated cone, characterized in that the annular part consists of an inner part of substantially stable shape and a detachable envelope material intended to be placed on top thereof.
3. The protective collar as defined in Claim 1 or Claim 2, characterized in that the annular part has a one-piece design.

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4. The protective collar as defined in any of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the fastening means is configured as a Velcro fastener.
5. The protective collar as defined in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the annular part is made from a light-weight material, preferably from a non-woven felt.
6. The protective collar according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that fastening means are provided on the annular part for fastening or fixing a substantially tube-shaped therapeutic device.

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